

[00184]      **ABSTRACT**

[00185]      A Straight-Through-Processing (STP) trading platform provides a fully  
electronic and seamless solution to all substantially aspects of the trading cycle for fixed income  
instruments and other financial instruments. In an exemplary embodiment, all participants to a  
5 trade transaction have access to computer software that facilitates trade order management, trade  
order generation, trade execution (including electronic axes), trade allocation, allocation  
acknowledgement, trade confirmation, and finally acquisition of settlement instructions. In said  
exemplary embodiment, the STP trading platform includes computer software modules including  
at least an account management module and an electronic trading module to handle the various  
10 stages of executing a trade, confirming the trade, and facilitating settlement of the trade.